

## LAZE IN ALEXANDRIA

Caused Heavy Loss to Property on Water Front.

## DAVID BROWN FOUND DEAD

Well-Known Resident Succumbs to Valvular Heart Trouble—Ferry to the Ark Did Not Run—October Term of Court Will Open This Morning—Other News Items of Interest.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU, Alexandria, Va., Oct. 7.—The plant of the National Electric Supply Company, of Washington, together with several buildings of the Marine Coal Company, situated at the shipyard at the foot of Franklin street, were destroyed by fire shortly before 4 o'clock this morning, entailing an estimated loss of \$5,000. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have started in the marine company's boiler room, situated east of the electric company's plant. The fire lasted about two hours, and nothing remained of the electric company's plant but a mass of charred iron and wood. The damage sustained by the Marine Coal Company is not as great as that of the electric company. The damage sustained by them was done to the engine and boilers, south of the electric company's plant.

A large number of cars, loaded with inflammable materials, were standing directly north of the burning buildings. All of the buildings destroyed were the property of Park Avenue. It is said that the loss is partially covered by insurance. It is understood that as soon as the loss is adjusted the work of rebuilding will be commenced. The electric company's plant has been in operation for the past four or five months. They employed about fifteen hands and turned out between 6,000 and 7,000 pins daily.

**David Brown's Body Found.**  
The dead body of David A. Brown, a well-known resident, was found at an early hour this morning on Lower Princess street, near the Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Company's plant. The body was removed to the undertaking establishment of R. W. Bentley, and Coroner S. B. Moore was summoned. In view of the fact that Mr. Brown had been seen earlier in the morning in an apparently healthy condition, Coroner Moore deemed it advisable to hold an inquest over the remains. The body was at 11 o'clock and adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon, pending the result of an autopsy which was made by Dr. W. M. Smith. The verdict returned ascribed death to valvular heart trouble. The remains were removed to the residence of his brother-in-law, George W. Brown, 167 North Royal street. The funeral arrangements will be completed later. Mr. Brown was about thirty-eight years of age and unmarried. During the past summer he was employed at Luna Park.

**Steamer Failed to Arrive.**  
There was a crowd of disappointed Washington sports at the foot of King street this afternoon awaiting the arrival of the little steamer Bartholdi, which conveys passengers from the King street wharf to the ark, wherein it is alleged there has been gambling, anchored in the Potomac River, a few miles from the city. The disappointment was brought about by the fact that the little steamer failed to put in its appearance. When the grand jury convened on last Friday, Judge Bailey told them that he had called them together to consider the case of the ark, but as he had not been able to look into the matter fully, an investigation would not be had at this time.

**October Court Term Open.**  
The October term of the Corporation Court will be held to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, with Judge Louis C. Bailey presiding. The first case which will come up for consideration will be that of James Scanlon, charged with entering the residence of Mrs. Mary V. Travers, on Gibson street, between Patrick and Henry streets.

**To Call Rev. Squires.**  
At a meeting of the congregation of the Second Presbyterian Church, held this morning, it was decided to call Rev. Mr. Squires of Bristol, Va. Messrs. H. C. Anley and A. G. Uhler were appointed a committee to present the call. Since the departure of Rev. Dr. Brooke, formerly pastor of that church, the church has been without a permanent pastor.

**Funerals Yesterday.**  
Funeral services over the remains of the late James Marcher, whose death occurred last Friday, were held at 11 o'clock this morning from his late home, Lincoln, Fairfax county. The deceased was seventy-four years of age, and is survived by a wife and four children. The funeral of the late Ada A. Klein took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late residence, 2500 R Street, N.W. Rev. P. P. Phillips, rector of St. Paul's Church, officiated, and the interment was in Ivy Hill Cemetery.

The family of the late Frank Hume, of Washington, have had a handsome monument erected in his memory in the family lot at Ivy Hill Cemetery, west of this city.

The voting precincts in the various wards will be open from sunrise until sunset for the purpose of giving those who have not already registered a last chance to do so.

Miss B. E. Allison, who has been visiting relatives in Brandy, Culpeper County, Va., has returned to her home in this city.

The Alexandria Bureau of The Herald will be opened to-morrow morning at the northeast corner of Prince and Royal streets. Charles S. Shorwood will have charge of the circulation department. Advertisements and subscriptions left at this office will receive prompt attention. The correspondence department of The Herald is also located at the bureau. This department is in charge of M. T. Dwyer, who will receive all news items intended for publication in The Herald.

## SOCIETY AWAITS HORSE SHOW.

**Gala Week Is Planned at Richmond by Social Leaders.**  
Special to The Washington Herald.  
Richmond, Va., Oct. 7.—Since it has been the custom to hold horse shows annually in Richmond, horse show week has come to be looked upon as a time set apart from all other seasons of the year during which special social gatherings and functions are held.

There are two distinct phases into which the week may be divided—the sporting, and the exclusive social. All the week lovers of horses—men and women—will be exercising and showing their animals in and around the parks and along the many drives, and all the week special social treats will be devised by hosts and hostesses.

## TESTS FOR SUBMARINES

Vessels to Be Tried in Narragansett Bay in February and March.

**Trials Include Surface and Submerged Runs with Actual Torpedo Tests Under Water.**

Under a recent act of Congress, which authorized the Secretary of the Navy to contract for or purchase submarine torpedo boats to an amount not exceeding one million dollars, a special naval board appointed for that purpose has completed regulations for a competitive test of such vessels.

The trial course will be one mile in length in Narragansett Bay. The vessels must be ready for trial February 15, 1907, and the tests must be completed by March 23. The board has decided that it is not practicable to conduct the tests simultaneously, so the relative capacities and values will be reached by comparative tests.

The speed trials shall be made in three conditions of the vessels: Cruising, with all ballast tanks empty; vessels not showing more than half of the conning tower above water and ready for instant diving; and in submerged condition with the top of the conning tower not less than ten feet below the surface and the top of the observation masts at least three feet above the surface. Three runs at maximum speed will be first required, followed by four or five runs back and forth at progressively reduced speeds to be determined by the trial board. The board will take into consideration also the habitability of each boat, its construction, condition, and outfit at trial, endurance, plans and specifications, strength and workmanship, mining, countermining, etc., submerged, sea-trials and torpedo firing.

## HERE TO TAKE CHARGE.

**Newly Appointed Paymaster General of Navy Replaces Captain.**  
Pay Director Eustace B. Rogers, U. S. N., the newly appointed Paymaster General of the navy, arrived in the city Saturday and reported for special temporary duty in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Navy Department, of which bureau he will, on November 1, assume the duties of chief in succession to Paymaster General H. T. B. Harris, U. S. N. Mr. Rogers comes from the Boston Navy Yard, where, till a few days ago, he was on duty as general storekeeper.

## SOLDIERS NOT DRUNKARDS

Judge Advocate's Report Shows Them to Be a Sober Lot.

**During Year There Were But Eight Cases of Drunkenness Causing Civil Arrest of Soldiers.**

That there has been a marked improvement in the conduct of officers and enlisted men of the United States army is shown by the report submitted by Judge Advocate General George B. Davis to the Secretary of War for the year ended June 30, 1906. During that period the total trials by court-martial numbered 4,596, a decrease of 204 as compared with last year. Of this number, forty-two were officers, eight of whom were acquitted, and in one case the sentence was disapproved. Enlisted men to the number of 4,232 were brought before the court-martial, their trials resulting in the acquittal of 530.

Desertion heads the list of misdemeanors, 1,556 having been summoned to appear for that offense. Although 534 men were brought to account for intoxication liquor into camp quarters, there were but eight cases for drunkenness causing arrest by civil authorities and but three for drunkenness incapacitating for duty.

The number of trials by summary court, 51,229, it is stated, is far in excess of the disciplinary needs of the service. The records show many men to have been tried for the first time for the most trivial offenses. This, the Judge Advocate General says, is apt to be most discouraging to the soldier. Once tried, his record is spoiled, his pride is hurt, and a severe shock, he becomes disheartened, grows careless, and more trials soon follow.

Attention is called to the practice of selling clothing issued to enlisted men. The practice, it is said, continues to exist, in spite of the efforts for its suppression put forth by the department in recent years. It is recommended that where soldiers have been convicted of selling articles of clothing issued to them for use in the military service the penalty be increased to imprisonment at hard labor for not less than one or more than five years, or not less than \$1 or more than \$5,000 fine. This is the penalty imposed upon the receivers of such goods, while at present the soldier can suffer but a maximum punishment of three months' imprisonment and a forfeiture of \$10 a month for the same period.

## WOMAN'S MISSION SOCIETY.

**Annual Session of Baltimore Conference Begins at Winchester.**

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Winchester, Va., Oct. 7.—With between 100 and 200 delegates and visitors present from all over the large territory of the Baltimore Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church South, the twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of that conference was convened to-day in Braddock Street Church, with the president, Mrs. Wilson, wife of Bishop A. W. Wilson, of Baltimore, in the chair. The society will be in session until Tuesday evening, and it is stated that various reports and regular business will make it the most important meeting held since its organization in 1857.

Rev. Charles D. Bulla, of Alexandria, preached the opening sermon this morning. At this evening's service addresses were made by Rev. Mr. Bulla, Rev. D. H. Kern, pastor of Grace Street Church, and Misses Harbaugh and Carroll, who recently returned from foreign mission fields. Many are present from Washington and Baltimore.

**Will Aid Jamestown Show.**  
Norfolk, Va., Oct. 7.—West Virginia will appropriate not less than \$5,000 for an exhibit and building at the Jamestown Exposition next year, says William A. MacCorkle, former governor of the State, and a member of the State's Exposition Commission, and who has been here for several days in the interest of his State's representation at the big show.

## MAJOR SIMPSON'S FUNERAL.

**Remains of Late Army Officer Will Be Buried Tomorrow Morning.**

The remains of Major S. Hamilton Simpson, who was found dead in bed on Saturday afternoon in his apartments at 114 Fifteenth street northwest, were removed from the morgue yesterday morning after the inquest by the coroner. The verdict was death by natural causes. The body of Major Simpson was found lying upon the bed, partially undressed. The discovery was made by a member of the family, who had gone to the room to deliver a letter, and upon getting no response to repeated knocks broke the door open.

The Major had been sick for two days, but his condition was not thought to be serious. When breakfast was served to him a few hours prior to the discovery of his body, he seemed to be improved.

Major Simpson was born sixty-seven years ago in Ireland, and served in the army from his earliest youth. After serving in the Crimean war he came to this country, enlisted in the regular army, and served throughout the Civil war, when, for great bravery displayed on the field of action, was promoted to the grade he held when he died.

## MRS. DUNCAN'S FUNERAL.

**Widow of Gen. Thomas Duncan Will Be Interred in Glenwood.**

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the family residence, 1216 Fourteenth street, over the remains of Mrs. Mary Shields Duncan, widow of Gen. Thomas Duncan, U. S. A., and sister of Gen. John M. Wilson, U. S. A., who is on the public who will hold services over the grave in Arlington.

The funeral will be held on Tuesday morning from the parlors of Joseph Gawler, 1224 Pennsylvania avenue, under the direction of the Grand Army of the Republic, who will hold services over the grave in Arlington.

## AN EPICUR'S DISCOVERY.

**Lover of Good Things to Eat Finds an Ideal Place to Do Marketing.**

"There is a store up my way," said the observant man, whose round figure and rosy cheeks betokened good living, "that comes as near being ideal as any I ever saw or heard of. It's a grocery store—not the kind of a store one usually finds on every other corner, but a market where one can obtain everything that is in season and sometimes things which are not in season. I have been doing the marketing for my household ever since I've had a household to do marketing for. I have four boys and two girls, besides my wife and myself, to purchase for, so you can see that the marketing store is an item in our expense list. My wife is the best cook in seven States, and she has to be, for my boys and I, and to mention the girls, form as exacting a set of epicures as you will find in a day's travel. I have been living in Fourteenth street and vicinity since I came a bachelor, and in my hunt for the best procurable in the eating line I've visited all the groceries of note in town, as well as the big markets, but I find that I can get just as good articles in as great variety and at just as reasonable a figure by going to this corner of mine as I could if I went to market, and carefully selected every article. Then the appearance of this store is so pleasing. All canned goods and frozen groceries, of which there is a large variety, are arranged in large quantities, reaching from the floor to the ceiling and extending from the front of the store back to the most and reasonable department. And speaking of tea and coffee, there is an assortment of these luxuries in that store that rivals the display found in houses handling these articles exclusively. Never have I known him in all my years' experience to deliver anything at my house that was not strictly first class or to charge me more for it than the current market price. The motto of the store I have referred to is cleanliness, promptness, and politeness, and I must say that the proprietor lives up to it in every sense of the word. The proprietor's name is George T. Harrell, and his store is at 1815 Fourteenth street northwest."

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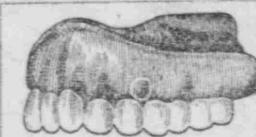
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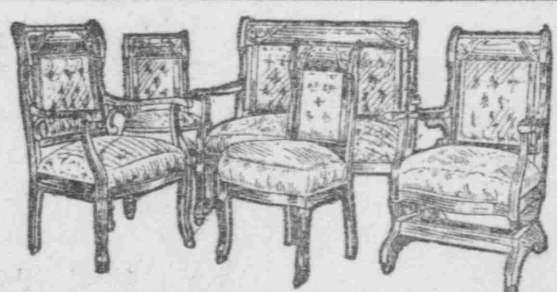
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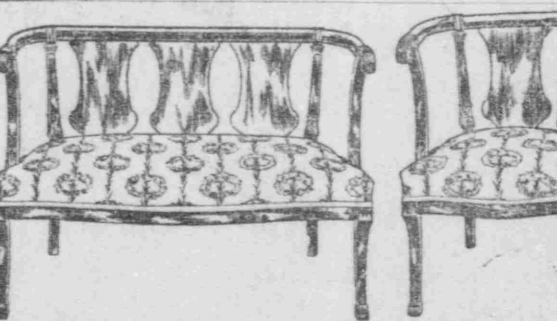
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